April 28, 1924.

Mr. H. R. Collier,
Goldthwaite, Tex.
R-4.

Dear Hardy;

I have your letter of April 21st. and certainly appreciate your prompt reply. Any time in answering my inquiries don't allow it to neglect your business as I know you are busy with your own affairs and can't always attend to the little things I may ask you to do.

I have about gotten all the family data together in regard to your branch of the family. Just in a few days I will send you a complete blank to be filled out regarding ages, births and dates of the whole family where I don't understand them from the data I already have.

In dictating my former letter in the first part of the letter you will notice I was under the impression that the picture you referred to was my great Grandfather Robert Collier but before getting through with my letter I read your letter over again and discovered it was your Great Grandfather Efford Cobb. Yes I would appreciate having his photograph copied in a 8 X 10 size if possible and I will pay the bill for copying same. You might have two of these photographs made for me as I want them to hand them down to the coming generations and would like a picture of a good quality, well made that will wear and not fade out.

Tell your Aunt Fannie that Mr. John Thomas Blalock was in my office yesterday having returned from Florida and he talked with me for quite a while regarding the Efford Cobb Collier family and he remembers as a school boy your Aunt Fannie quite well and says that the Jacksons were related to the Blalocks, his family. I also showed him two or three letters from you and he was very much interested in them. Mr. Blalock's wife was Emma Tyler, daughter of old Capt. Tyler and before the Civil War they lived at Hightower's Mill down in Upson County which would be East by two or three miles from where Fryer Matthews and Bl[illegible] lived. John Thomas Blalock is now 84 years old but still quite active. His wife was a school mate of my Mother's and she is about 76 years old.

My Mother was a daughter of John Means that lived before the War up near Zebulon in old Pike County, the village is now known as Meansville and can be found on any Southern Railroad map. Your Aunt Fannie might remember the Means family.

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in Upson County, I would like to know just how long that your family in Texas kept in touch with the Upson County family before they finally dropped their correspondence. Your Aunt Fannie I guess can give you these facts.

Mr. Blalock asked also about your Aunt Sallie but I told him she was dead. He also seems to remember the oldest boy, brother of your Aunt Fannie, which was Rifford Cuthbert father of J.J.Collier. He was quite interested and expects to talk with me again some time when I have the time to take the matter up.

I notice that your family out in Texas are not keeping up the old Collier family names. Please ask them to keep this up as the names have been handed down from way back behind the Colonial days or from the 14th Century. The names were Robert, Isaac, Chas. William, Vines etc. There is a Howard Collier living here in town, a young boy about 25 or 30 years old, that belongs to the Monroe County Colliers whose ancestor was named Cuthbert Collier and Cuthbert was a brother of my Great Grandfather Robert Collier. The names have been kept very closely together here in Georgia.

Very sincerely,

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